# Governor's Task Force to Strengthen Alabama Families



# **Project Overview**

Barbara Everett, Task Force Chairman

## **Task Force Charge**

 To evaluate the priorities, structure and cost efficiency of Alabama's current health and human services system as a basis for recommending a more effective strategy for meeting the State's human services goals in the future.

## Where We are Moving

- We are testing a redesign of the physical health and human services delivery system to provide holistic, "one stop" services to clients. Our proposed system will enable state department staff to identify the needs of the whole family during initial intake and assessment.
- The Task Force is working to more effectively link parents, businesses, civic and service groups, schools, the justice system, religious organizations, community volunteers, and local non-profits.

# Two Key Recommendations to be implemented in a pilot project

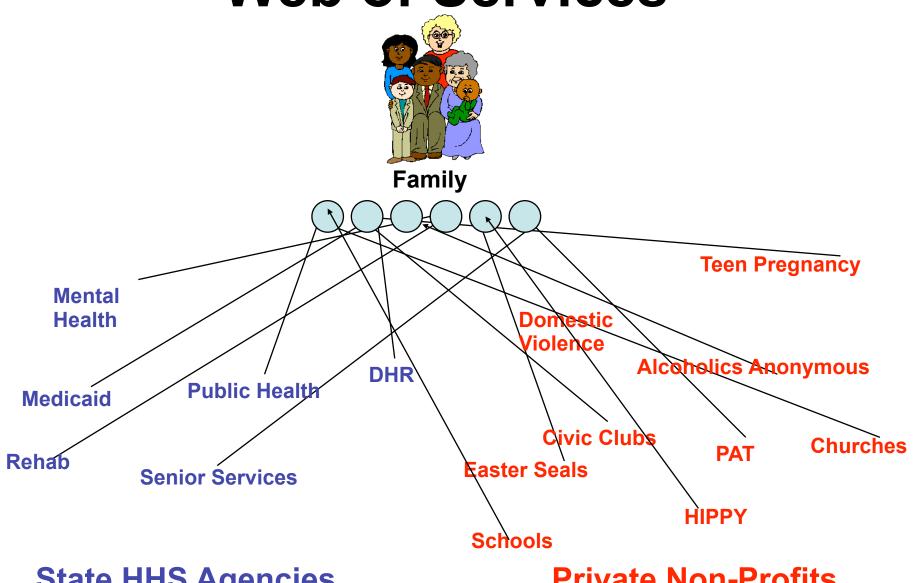
- The first Task Force recommendation involves technologically linking six state agencies through the use of a common benefits and services eligibility screening instrument. This instrument will be accessed by state staff using existing computers.
- The second recommendation is to support the creation of a family services center in each of Alabama's 67 counties.

### What we have learned

 At-risk families seeking state assistance often have multiple, complex issues and need the services of more than one agency and program.



### Web of Services



**State HHS Agencies** 

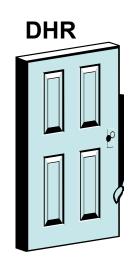
**Private Non-Profits** 

## No Wrong Door For Entry

Mental Health

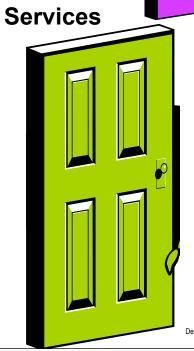












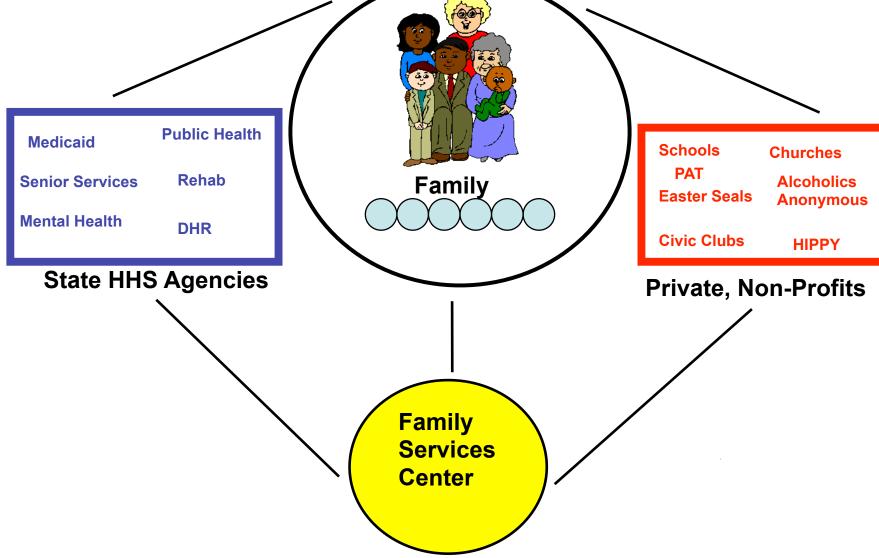






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Family Services Centers

**KEY** 

Blue Members of the Alabama

Network of Family Resource

Centers, Inc.

Red Other centers, not members

of the Network

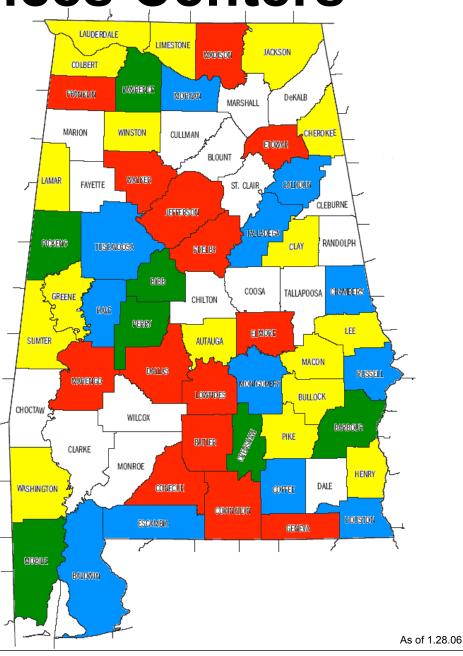
Yellow Counties where centers are

developing

Green Counties that have

expressed a need for a center

White No activity



#### **Capacity Building for Family Resource Centers**

#### **Lowest Level**

Clients receive intake, assessment, referral, case management and accountability

#### **Third Level**

Added by local centers to augment services or duplicate existing state services through written agreements between state and private agencies

#### **Second Level**

Flexible services are added by local centers for documented unmet community needs

#### **Fourth Level**

Provide regional unifying services

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Alfred Saliba Family Services Center – Dothan, AL The Center for Families – Montgomery, AL Children and Family Connection of Russell County – Phoenix City, AL Circle of Care Center for Families – Valley, AL Coffee County Family Services Center – Enterprise, AL Tuscaloosa's One Place, A Family Resource Center – Tuscaloosa, AL Family Services Center of Bay Minette – Bay Minette, AL Family Services Center of Calhoun County – Anniston, AL Family Services Center of Talladega – Talladega, AL HERO Family Resource Center – Greensboro, AL Hope Place Family Resource Center – Brewton, AL Lucille Pierce Family Literacy and Resource Center – Opp, AL PACT, Parents and Children Together – Decatur, AL Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement – Talladega, AL

## **Support Our Efforts**

 Partner with us to help create model family services centers in all 67 counties.

 Become part of the dynamic, holistic, and coordinated health and human services delivery system.

